

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/NO 03/00395

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Claims Nos.: 14

Claim 14 relates to a method of treatment of the human body by surgery or by therapy/ a diagnostic method practised on the human or animal body/Rule 39.1(iv). Nevertheless a search has been executed for this claim. The search has been based on the alleged effects of the compound(s)/product/device.

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